

FOR THE BIG FIGHT

The Olympic Club Has Elevated Pugilism

TO A HIGHER MORAL PLANE

An Immense Amount of Money Placed on the Sullivan - Corbett Battle.

New Orleans, Aug. 22. The biggest event, or rather series of events, in pugilistic circles since the days of the Roman caesars will be the prize fight to come off before the Olympic club of this city the week beginning September 4. This great "pugilistic carnival," as New Orleans delights to call it, has created a sensation throughout the world, and well it might. There are \$42,500 offered in prizes, \$30,000 in side bets and some \$20,000 spent on other preparations, and Mr. Sullivan or Mr. Corbett will be \$45,000 richer when it is over. It is a big affair, moreover, aside from the money involved, more than ever before dreamed of in pugilism, for it is a new departure in "the manly art of self-defense," an effort to make the prize ring refined and respectable—something that gentlemen can patronize.

The Olympic club has already done much to remove pugilism from the rough and tough who formerly controlled it, and the bad reputation into which it had fallen. It hopes to make "prize contests" as respectable forms of sport and athletics as wrestling, football and other popular games, in all of which the club claims, there is the same amount of physical danger and possible injury—if not more—as in the ring, where broken bones are most infrequent. The Olympic believe, with the vantage of old, that pugilism is an important part of athletics, and ought to be encouraged and patronized, and that it will be if it can be separated from the disgraceful features that have hitherto surrounded it.

Under the management of the new, refined and disinterested features of the "prize ring" have been done away with. The "glorious contests," as they are now called, are given under the authority of the state of Louisiana, under a special license from the mayor of New Orleans, with the police or other police officers, with fifty men or more under him, presiding to see that everything is fairly, honestly and orderly conducted.

Moreover, "the contests" take place in one of the most comfortable clubs in New Orleans, in an immense amphitheater, laid off like an opera house, with numbered seats, private and promenade boxes, easy chairs and every comfort imaginable.

The Olympic ring is so orderly that no one need hesitate about going there and no one need be afraid of the prize fight. The president of the club, Charles Noels, a leading manufacturer and prominent member of the city council and the other gentlemen having charge of the "contests" are solid, substantial and respected business men. At least three fourths of the audience on the night of a "contest" are of the better classes—lawyers, doctors, bankers, merchants and men of that kind; and the other quarter of sporting men, mainly from the east, kept in order by a private force.

An investigation made by the Louisiana legislature a few days ago proved the Olympic "rights" to be thoroughly orderly. Some of the religious people tried to break them up, and a resolution was offered in the legislature prohibiting them. A legislative committee investigated the matter, and some of the best citizens of New Orleans came forward to testify that they had been present at these prize fights and saw nothing objectionable to them. They were scientific displays they said, and not brutal. Perhaps a little blood was spilled, but no one was seriously hurt. They had given, moreover, an immense impetus to athletics in New Orleans. When the fights began there was but one athletic club in New Orleans. Now there are ten, with a membership of 8,000, but their best work was done in abolishing in New Orleans the revolver as a settlement of disputes. Formerly it was the fashion when you were insulted to shoot the insult; now you knock him down because you know how to do it. And on this testimony the legislature decided not to interfere, but to let the Olympics go on with their fights.

RUNNING RACES RESUMED.
Some Lively Time Made at Hawthorne Park, Chicago.

Chicago, Aug. 22.—Racing was resumed today at Hawthorne after a week's suspension on account of the troubling meeting.

First race, seven furlongs—Billy Pinkerton won, Autumn second, Ray B third, time, 1:36.

Second, one mile—Brookwood won, Nancy Hakes second, Nansales third, time, 1:44.

Third, for two-year-olds, five furlongs—Gazette won, Jack Allen second, Pioneer third, time, 1:25.

Fourth, six furlongs—Fantine won, Arline second, Duke of Mayhew third, time, 1:18.

Fifth, selling, one mile and one-half—Chubbuck Clark won, Forest King second, Luskum third, time, 1:50.

Sixth, six furlongs—Lady Linda won, Out of Sight second, Bobby Beach third, time, 1:14.

Garfield Park Races.
First race, for two-year-olds, five furlongs.

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longe—Antonia won, Cora Tanner second, Verden third, time, 1:22.
Second, selling, mile and seventy yards—Panthers won, Bease Badland second, Goodbye third, time, 1:47.
Third, for two-year-olds, mile and sixteenth—Glenn Ida won, Prophet second, Gray Lake third, time, 1:54.
Fourth, six furlongs—Solides won, Oregon Eclipse second, Harbor Light third, time, 1:14.
Fifth, selling, seven furlongs—Sally Taylor won, Redroot second, Laine B. third, time, 1:24.
Sixth, for two-year-olds, five furlongs—King Faust won, Haydee second, Beautification third, time, 1:02.
Seventh, seven furlongs—Warren Leland won, Autumn Leaf second, Miss Hutton third, time, 1:29.

Brighton Beach Races.
New York, Aug. 22.—Today's results at Brighton Beach:

First race, six and one-half furlongs—Thoga won, Jay E. El second, Nubian third, time, 1:12.

Second race, five furlongs—Sabright won, Saladine second, Tourmaline third, time, 1:04.

Third race, five furlongs—Crotchet won, Macintosh second, Sonora third, time, 1:02.

Fourth race, seven furlongs—Key West won, Jack Rose second, Mary Stone third, time, 1:29.

Fifth race, one mile—Mitt Young won, Cyonure second, King Crab third, time, 1:44.

Sixth race, seven furlongs—English Lady won, Rookfort second, Experience third, time, 1:20.

Gloucester Races.
Gloucester, Aug. 22.—First race, four and one-half furlongs—Sir Jim won, Moonraker second, Trade third, time, 1:07.

Second, four and one-half furlongs—Little Nell won, Moderate second, Wilma McAdiffe third, time, 1:07.

Third, five furlongs—Estelle M. won, Queen D. second, Arthur Davis third, time, 1:04.

Fourth, one and one-eighth miles—Jungler won, Pelham second, Elyton third, time, 1:34.

Fifth, three-fourths miles—Cartoon won, Detroit second, Mamie B. third, time, 1:12.

Sixth, five furlongs—Count Me In won, Keystone second, Canteen third, time, 1:03.

Independence Races.
Independence, Ia., Aug. 22.—Race results:
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